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PART II.

OFFICIAL PAPERS.

THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

Season and Crop Report for 1920-21.

READ—

G. O. No. 246-63—Agri. 3-16-3, dated the 6th July 1916, as revised by G. O. No. R. 2025-37—Agri. 10-17-2, dated 3rd August 1917, issuing instructions for improving the system of collecting, compiling and publishing agricultural statistics in the State.

2. G. O. No. 393-404—Stl. 20-20-1, dated 8th November 1920, as modified by G. O. No. 757-68—Stl. 20-20-4, dated 21st February 1921, directing that the tables of agricultural statistics be revised so as to correspond with those of British India and issuing a fresh list of crops for adoption in preparing table 4.

3. Letter No. C. Per. A. No. 108, dated 2nd February 1922, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, forwarding the Season and Crop Report for 1920-21 together with his review thereon.

4. Letter No. R. O. C. 911-H. C. 380-2, dated 7th March 1922 from the Director of Agriculture in Mysore communicating his remarks on the Season and Crop Report for 1920-21.

(Printed as an accompaniment)

ORDER No. 4395-4465—STL. 20-21-3, DATED 1ST APRIL 1922.

Seasonal Conditions. The average rainfall in the State was 32·56 inches, which represented a decrease of 4·83 inches, the decrease being most marked in the districts of Kolar, Tumkur and Chitaldrug, where State Forests were, in consequence thrown open for the free grazing of cattle.

2. *Area of the State and its classification.*—The following table shows the area of the State and its main classifications :—

	Acres.
(*a*) Area according to the latest results of Survey	18,865,170
(*b*) Deduct extent of alienated tracts, such as jahgirs, jodi villages etc., in respect of which particulars required for the Season and Crop Report are not available.	1,417,679
(*c*) Net area covered by the report.	17,447,491

3. The net area shows a decrease of 1,413 acres as compared with that of the previous year and it may be classified as follows :—

Kind of land and extent in acres	*Percentage to net area*
(*a*) Forests (2,311,215) ...	13·25
(*b*) Extent not available for cultivation, being barren and unculturable or appropriated for purposes other than agriculture. (6,530,530) ...	37·43
(*c*) Cultivable waste not in occupancy (747,017) ...	4·28
(*d*) Area under occupancy. (7,858,729) ...	45·04
	100·00

4. Out of the occupied area, an extent of 24 per cent remained fallow, leaving for actual cultivation during the year, 5,952,098 acres which represents 69 per cent of the total cultivable area (8,605,746 acres). Including areas cropped more than once as separate areas for each crop, the gross area cropped during the year would be 73 per cent (6,261,325) acres of the total cultivable area.

5. *Irrigated area.*—The area irrigated showed a slight decrease (26,221 acres) of about 2 per cent over that of the preceding year, the decrease being over 10,000 acres each in the districts of Kolar, Tumkur and Bangalore. The extent of land sown with irrigated crops was 923,897 acres, representing about 15 per cent of the entire cultivated area.

6. *Area under crops.*—The fluctuations in areas under different classes of crops, as compared with those of 1919-20, may be thus exhibited.—

Nature of crops	Area in 1919-20	Area in 1920-21	Increase or decrease	Percentage to the gross total cultivated area	
				1919-20	1920-21
1. Food grains—					
a. Ragi	2,303,407	2,164,740	—138,667	35·21	34·57
b. Horsegram	815,782	771,271	—44,521	11·78	12·32
c. Paddy	761,807	676,685	—85,122	11·64	10·81
d. Cholum	675,293	620,369	—54,924	10·32	9·91
e. Cumbu	157,838	181,786	+23,948	0·88	1·31
f. Maize	2,139	16,181	+14,042	0·03	0·26
g. Wheat	4,633	4,245	—398	0·07	0·07
h. Miscellaneous	1,835,089	823,275	—11,814	13·47	13·14
2. Condiments and Spices	141,953	128,821	—13,137	2·2	2·05
3. Sugar-cane	34,057	29,628	—4,429	0·5	0·47
4. Fruits and vegetables	41,223	57,577	+16,344	0·6	0·92
5. Miscellaneous Food crops	11,229	83,633	+72,404	0·2	1·34
6. Drugs and Narcotics	136,089	137,781	+1,692	2·0	2·20
7. Oil seeds	284,688	411,882	+127,194	4·4	6·57
8. Fibres	152,632	115,259	—37,373	2·3	1·84
9. Dyes and tanning materials	1,234	88	—1,146	0·1	
10. Fodder crops	30,053	39,823	+9,770	0·5	0·64
11. Miscellaneous non-food crops	50,715	98,215	+47,500	1·12	1·57

7. It will be observed from the above that there was a general decrease in the acreage under all crops except oil seeds, which showed an increase of 49 per cent due to the very rapid expansion of the area under groundnut which promises to increase in importance as a valuable commercial crop in the near future. The Revenue Commissioner's attention is invited to the remarks of the Director of Agriculture on the apparent contraction in the area under cocoanut and the abnormal increase in the area under maize in the Honnali Taluk of the Shimoga district and he (the Revenue Commissioner) is requested to verify the figures once more and report the result.

8. In the orders of the 6th July 1916 and the 3rd August 1917, read above, it was specially provided that the marginally noted crops should be shown in table 3, now table 4 of the Agricultural Statistics on account of their local importance and other considerations. But some of these crops do not appear in table 4 of the Season and Crop Report under review. In ordering the revision of the tables of Agricultural Statistics so as to correspond with those of British India, Government did not intend that the crops enumerated above should be omitted from the Season and Crop Report; and they accordingly direct that the said crops should be shown under separate sub-heads in future reports, as indicated below, the totals concerned only being, however, given in the tables of Agricultural Statistics furnished to the Residency.

Cowpea, togari, castor, coriander, chillies, pepper, betel leaves, mangoes, onions, potatoes, groundnut, cocoanut, areca-nut, horse-gram, and mulberry.

(i) Gram pulse	(a)	Horsegram.
	(b)	Bengal gram.
	(c)	Total.
(ii) Other food-grains including pulses	(a)	Cowpea
	(b)	Togari
	(c)	Others
	(d)	Total
(iii) Condiments and spices	(a)	Coriander.
	(b)	Chillies.
	(c)	Pepper.
	(d)	Onions.
	(e)	Others.
	(f)	Total.
(iv) Drugs and Narcotics	(g)	Betel leaves.
(v) Fruits and Vegetables including root crops.	(a)	Mangoes
	(b)	Potatoes.
	(c)	Arecanut.
	(d)	Others.
	(f)	Total.
(vi) Miscellaneous crops	(a)	Food.
	(b)	Mulberry.
	(c)	Other non-food.
	(d)	Total.

9. *Agricultural Stock.*—The statistics furnished under this head are based on the figures pertaining to the fifth quinquennial census of agricultural stock taken in January 1921. It will be seen therefrom that total number of live stock of the bovine class was 5,406,366, that of sheep and goats 4,148,330 and that of horses, ponies, mules, donkeys and camels 78,242. The number of ploughs and carts was 866,018, and 243,036, respectively. There was a slight increase of 8 per cent in the number of bulls and bullocks and in the case of cows an increase of 6·6 per cent. There were on an average 27 horned cattle for every 30 persons, 41 sheep and goats for every 60 persons, 29 ploughs for every 200 persons, and one cart for every 25 persons.

Outturn of crops.—The unfavourable seasonal conditions were reflected in the large decrease in area and outturn of some of the wet and dry crops as will be seem from the following table. Expressed in terms of annas, the average outturns of paddy, ragi, cholum and sugar-cane crops were 9·2, 8·6, 8·5 and 10·2 annas respectively.

Crops		Area under crops (acres)	Standard outturn (pallas)	Estimated actual outturn (pallas)
1. Paddy	1920-21	676,696	5,207,442	3,273,568
	1919-20	767,807	6,108,042	3,915,434
2. Ragi	1920-21	2,164,738	9,560,219	5,134,578
	1919-20	2,303,407	10,401,273	5,816,437
3. Horsegram	1920-21	763,959	1,509,712	630,995
	1919-20	815,792	1,524,151	650,870
4. Cholum	1920-21	620,369	1,974,961	1,041,565
	1919-20	675,293	2,128,034	1,121,511
5. Sugar-cane	1920-21	29,638	3,187,085 Mds.	2,040,830 Mds.
	1919-20	34,057	3,806,604	2,311,197
6. Cotton	1920-21	59,435	26,002 Bales of 400 lbs.	14,543 Bales of 400 lbs.
	1919-20	111,059	48,588	10,744

11. *Imports and Exports.*—The total quantities of agricultural produce imported into and exported out of the State by rail were 26,13,858 and 21,29,654 maunds valued at Rs. 3,04,72,304 and 3,35,20,671 respectively as against 27,06,710 and 24,52,169 valued at Rs. 3,34,79,416 and 3,33,67,183, during 1919-20. Raw cotton, wheat, cotton seeds and grains and pulses were imported in considerable quantities. The value of rice imported was 72 lakhs of rupees only against 138 lakhs in the preceding year. Sugar, fresh vegetables and raw cotton were exported on a large scale. On the whole, the value of export was about 32 lakhs more than the import value.

12. *Prices.*—In spite of the general fall in the prices of important food grains and salt, the rates continued to rule high as compared with the pre-war prices. However, a gradual downward movement in the prices of food stuffs was noticeable.

13. *General.*—Government observe that there has been a delay of three months in the submission of the report which is unsatisfactory. The abnormal variations in the acreage under crops noticed by the Government last year have not been explained by the Revenue Commissioner. He is requested to take up, in consultation with the Director of Agriculture, the question of revising the estimates of the standard rates of produce fixed in G. O. No. R. 3238—49 Agri. 61-15-7, dated 28th August 1918 at an early date, with a view to render the statistics contained in the report more accurate and reliable in future.

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READ—

Government Order No. R. 1235-96—L. R. 116-20-9, dated 3rd September 1921, directing among other things, the abolition of the post of the Personal Assistant to the Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur, with effect from the 1st July 1922.

2. Letter No. T. 12, dated the 25th March 1922, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, recommending the grant of two months and eight days' furlough to Mr. M. N. Balaraj Urs, B.A., Sub-Division Officer, Gubbi and suggesting that Mr. T. Abdul Khader, B.A., Assistant Commissioner and Personal Assistant to the Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur, may be posted to the charge of the Gubbi Sub-Division and that the post of the Personal Assistant to Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur, may be abolished immediately instead of from the 1st July 1922, the Treasury Assistant Commissioner being placed in charge of the Tumkur Taluk and the Deputy Commissioner in direct charge of the Kunigal Taluk.

ORDER No. 6212-71—C. B. 115-21-8, DATED 5TH APRIL 1922.

The proposals of the Revenue Commissioner are sanctioned.

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Chief Secretary to Government.